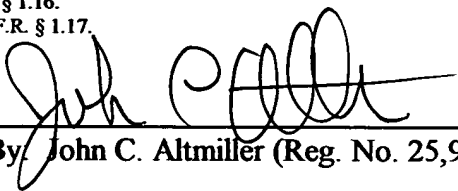




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<p>2. The Office is authorized to charge the additional claim fee of \$196.00 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.</p> <p>3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Kenyon &amp; Kenyon, deposit account number 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>a. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.</p> <p>b. Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.</p> <p>Dated: June 20, 2002</p> <p>By:  John C. Altmiller (Reg. No. 25,951)</p> <p>KENYON &amp; KENYON 1500 K Street, N.W., Suite 700 Washington, DC 20005 Tel: (202) 429-1776 Fax: (202) 429-0796 413946</p> <p>06/25/2002 STHOMAS 00000002 110600 10066755</p> <p>01 FC:102 168.00 CH</p> <p>02 FC:103 36.00 CH</p>																																																	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims:

13. A method comprising:
- a. inserting a first balloon catheter through a first expandable tubular member having a proximal end forming a stem portion and a distal end forming a first leg portion and a longitudinal bore therethrough such that it extends through said stem

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